

# Four Academies of Business Information Management to launch in fall

For four Delaware high schools, the 2018-19 school year will be the launch of the NAF Academy of Business Information Management program.

“These schools join a national network that provides the tools, resources and opportunities necessary to ensure that all high school students are college-, career- and future-ready,” Secretary of Education Susan Bunting said.

The schools are Caesar Rodney School District’s Caesar Rodney High School, Red Clay Consolidated School District’s A.I. duPont High School, Smyrna School District’s Smyrna High School and Odyssey Charter School. All four completed NAF’s rigorous planning program.

The Academy of Business Information Management (AoBIM) introduces students to the skills needed to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations through courses focusing on entrepreneurship, global and domestic economics, information technology, customer service and ethics. Students gain critical career knowledge through a series of work-based learning activities that are conducted in school, as well as outside the classroom, and a 120-hour paid summer internship. Completion of the program is validated with a NAFTrack Certification, NAF’s student certification assessment system.

“With technology playing such a large part in students’ lives, we are excited to broaden their perspective of how technology ties into the workplace with a focus on ethics and policies preparing them for the workforce,” A.I. duPont teacher Charles Schneider said.

These schools are now part of NAF’s network of 675 academies across 36 states, including DC and the US Virgin Islands. NAF provides high school students with career-themed instruction and hands on experiences in viable industries including finance, hospitality & tourism, information technology, engineering, and health sciences. To adopt an Academy of Business Information Management

program of study, interested schools may contact DOE education associate Lisa Wilson at [lisa.wilson@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:lisa.wilson@doe.k12.de.us).

“On behalf of the entire NAF network, I’d like to give a warm welcome to all of our new academies and look forward to the many contributions you make to the network as a whole. Best wishes for a successful first year and know that you have the continuous support of your NAF family every step of the way.” NAF President JD Hoyer said.

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